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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4849th meeting of the Security Council, held on 27 October 2003, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council notes the invitation of the General Assembly contained in operative paragraph 7 of its resolution 57/289 of 20 December 2002 that it address uncertainties regarding the power of the International Tribunal for Rwanda under its Statute to finance the upgrading of prison accommodation in which persons convicted by the Tribunal are to serve their sentences.

"The Security Council confirms that it is within the lawful powers of the International Tribunal for Rwanda under its Statute to fund the renovation and refurbishment of prison facilities in States that have concluded agreements with the United Nations for the carrying out of prison sentences of the Tribunal. Such funds shall be used to bring up to international minimum standards the prison accommodation to be occupied or used pursuant to those agreements.

"The Security Council will remain seized of this matter."

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